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Subject: Bill 5 - Stop commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park and other city parks

Good Morning,

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Bill 5 that would close commercial activity at city parks on Sundays because as a resident of Kailua, living on Kailua Beach for the past 34 years, I strongly feel that the commercial activity currently going on (kayak rentals, windsurf/kitesurf rentals) has gotten out of control. The vendors and businesses that promote and sell these commercial activities are unregulated and have no respect for local families and regular beachgoers who want to enjoy our city beaches and parks without being run over by inexperienced tourists trying kite surfing for the first time. The gear and equipment being rented out by these commercial businesses is often times spread all over public access ways and the beach itself. Beachgoers have to walk further down the beach just to find a nice spot where they can sunbathe or picnic without the commercial traffic buzzing around them. I feel that our city parks should be more accessible to the general public on Sundays as it is the highest peak usage day of the week, and as residents we are put at an unfair disadvantage to enjoy our resources.

Mahalo,

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